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September, 2019

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**GCVDC
CALENDAR
OF EVENTS**

**Men's #99
Sept 26-29, 2019
St. Paul Lutheran
Church
Boca Raton, FL**

**Wives Meeting
Sept 27
7:00 PM
Advent Lutheran
Boca Raton, FL**

**Women's #99
Oct 24-27, 2019
The Crossing
Community Church
South Campus
Fort Pierce, FL**

**Pot Luck Ultreya
Saturday, Nov 9,
2019
St. Paul Lutheran
Church
Boca Raton, FL
Set up is at 5:30
Ultreya Begins
6:00 PM**

A message from our Lay Director:

Hi Community,

A few observations after returning from our National Gathering in July. Our GCVDC Secretariat and our community are looked at by NLS and by other secretariats as the gold standard of the VDC movement. We are regarded highly because of the high standards of excellence we have demonstrated over many years. We can only maintain that spirit of excellence and service to our Lord and our churches by continuing to sponsor and mentor people and with your personal involvement in the movement. Please be praying about who you can sponsor over the next year and where you can be involved.

In addition, we wanted to bring to your attention a few changes we have made in the past few years. These changes are not to any of the essentials of VDC but are changes that were made by the Secretariat in a continuing effort to improve our movement and give more opportunities to our newer cursillistas.

Sponsorship - The life blood of our movement is the continued sponsorship of eligible candidates, getting people into reunion groups, and raising up leaders in our churches. From seeing other secretariats in NLS, we know the reality of having less candidates on weekends is the visible sign of a movement not moving forward. We have witnessed that when there is an extended period of less candidates being sponsored, there is more difficulty in having a pool of people to call for teams and to sustain the movement financially to host weekends.

We will no longer require new cursillistas to wait a year to sponsor candidates. While this may have served our movement well years ago when we had a waiting list of candidates, that has not been our reality for many years now. We realize this will require more training, so we will look to instruct them using sponsorship information placed in their weekend package, leader's school training, our new website, and, we are hoping, you sponsors will help train them properly. We are allowing exceptions for a wife to attend whose husband has not attended first. These will be on a case by case basis with approval from the lay director, senior spiritual director and the candidate's pastor.

Serving on a team - Starting last year, we are now inviting 4 new cursillistas from the most recent weekend to serve on the next team. This will allow our most enthusiastic cursillistas to serve immediately on a team and learn more about serving in VDC.

All of these changes still require one to be in a reunion group, which is one of the most important elements of VDC. We feel these changes may help encourage those new cursillistas to make that commitment sooner and to stay involved with VDC.

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Recap of other changes:

- We are moving toward using more digital technology in all areas of the movement. This has allowed us to save money on the printing of materials that are regularly needed and to take advantage of those technologies to modernize our movement where needed.
- Where possible, we are using digital resources for song books, the Palanca chapel, at closing, for write-me-downs in the Rollo Room, and for team manuals for those who would rather have a digital copy.
- With recommendations from our Spiritual Directors, we have made some changes to the Spiritual Directors' talks. The Sacraments talk on Saturday now follows the NLS Sacraments talk for only Baptism and Communion and is no longer two separate talks. Our evening chapels and our closing include more grace-filled language which complements what is heard on the weekends.
- Thank you to Donald and Diane Hamm for overseeing the coordination of our banners now. We appreciate the many years that Donna Wiles lovingly cared for them. Please reach out to Diane Hamm if you would like to help with transporting, repairing, and serving in this area. We currently pay \$125/month to store them at Public Storage in Boynton Beach. If you would like to help with that cost, we would appreciate that also.
- We also wanted to thank Paul and Janet Cunningham who are allowing us to store our large trailer on their property which is saving us around \$4,000/year. Also, thanks to Trinity Lutheran for allowing us to store the shower trailer and freezer trailer which is also a savings to our storage cost.
- Lastly, thank you to all of you who helped contribute the funds to purchase 80 new mattresses this spring. We appreciate you answering the call so quickly to fund them. Many of you used our text to give program, TEXT GIVE to 561-660-9700, which was a huge help to receive those funds quickly. We now have several of you that are giving recurring gifts which helps us have steady cash flow between weekends. It has greatly helped our finances; please pray about joining us in giving a small monthly gift.

We are beginning to plan our #100 Celebration Ultreya that will be held on May 30, 2020 at Advent Lutheran in Boca Raton to celebrate all our 100 Weekends. Save the date and plan to come back to Advent where we first started, and celebrate and reminisce with us. We will have more information about that for you shortly.

Blessings,
Kevin Janies
Lay Director



De Colores! As lay persons we seldom find ourselves given the opportunity to “pay it forward” to another believer, in facilitating a weekend of blessings similar to those we received when we made our weekend. Could it be that they, that other believer, is someone you have served with in your church, someone who so often answers the call for help with a church project or event? Maybe they are just someone you have noticed is often animated in praise and worship. It should be a person you have known for a year or so, not a “newbie” or someone you hope to bring to Christ.

Someone cared enough to sponsor you for your Via de Cristo weekend, and if you are like most of us, that was a most memorable and soul moving experience, even as you remember it today. Many of you have heard me quote the following, and I only repeat it for its profundity: “Who do hate (or dislike) so much that you would deny them the blessing of a VDC weekend”, due to your inaction. Paul wrote to the Corinthians that “We are Christ’s ambassadors”; he did not say we could be, should be, or would be – WE ARE His ambassadors. We owe those who sponsored us to “pay it forward”. We owe it to our Lord, and to our Christian family which includes both our church family and the VDC community.

Yes, being a sponsor can be challenging, but the rewards outweigh the challenges a hundred fold. Encouraging friends and family to write letters and get them to you on time is a challenge. Arranging your schedule and your candidate’s schedule is challenging. Finding a reunion group for the candidate is a challenge. May I challenge you to bring forward so many candidates that some may have to take a raincheck until a following weekend! Would not our King be praised! In closing, may I give you assurance that everything you may consider problematic WILL be resolved by our VDC community. If you cannot afford the weekend fee, the community will help; if you have an issue with getting your candidate to the sendoff, look to your reunion brothers and sisters; if you have an issue with getting the wife of a male candidate to the wives meeting, that too can be taken care of. Brothers and sisters, please do not focus on the challenges. If being a Christian brother or sister was easy, there would be long lines waiting to get into church. You need to focus on the blessing you were afforded and pass that on to your church family.

Jesus loves you and so do I,
Mike Warnock
Sponsorship Rep

I want to thank God for choosing me to be Rectora for GCVDC Women’s #98. It was an honor and pleasure to have been called and to serve. I would like to thank Beth Brown, my head cha, Susie Dowd, my head server, and Brenda Rankin, my rollo room cha. What a blessing these ladies were to God and me.

I had my dream team of women working for God on my weekend. We had twenty candidates whose hearts were open to the Lord. Most importantly, I need to emphasize the HOLY SPIRIT SHOWED UP in full force.

Thank you to the Secretariat for allowing me to pick candidates from Women’s #97 to serve on Women’s #98; get them while the fire is burning high. The change in the length of the Sacraments talk in the script also helped things to run smoothly. I think the new closing is short, sweet and to the point. The Secretariat’s active role in making adjustments to the flow of the weekend has been a blessing.

De colores!
Gail Olsen
Rectora, Women’s #98

I was truly blessed and humbled serving as Rector for Men's weekend #98, and it will stand out as a highlight in my life. The verse for this weekend was Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him and He will make your paths straight." Without a doubt there is a reason God gave me this verse for the weekend. Every step of the way I had to remind myself that I had to rely on Him, and He certainly led me and the team in the right direction.

I have to admit I was skeptical about taking on this role, it was without a doubt a daunting task and wasn't without its challenges. I came across a Rick Warren devotional that said "When God appoints you he anoints you". In that devotional he said God specializes in the impossible. How true that proved to be, from the team that answered God's call to the candidates who were blessed on the weekend, to the community who stepped in behind the scenes to help execute God's plan in order to make the weekend a success. What a blessing!

Each weekend is unique and this weekend was no exception. There were many challenges along the way, not the least of which was having to call on the team to step in to fill two rollista positions within the last two weeks prior to the weekend due to them having to drop off because of health and family situations. I can't thank this team enough for their commitment, dedication, humble service and flexibility in coping with all the obstacles that came up; they were more than cooperative in every situation.

I also have to thank Kevin Janies and the entire Secretariat for their support in dealing with all the challenges we faced in preparation for the weekend as well as the weekend itself. We were able to incorporate changes to the schedule which were new for this weekend but all went smoothly thanks to their support.

We were blessed with three gifted spiritual directors: Pastor Dave Rankin, Pastor Ken Baker and Pastor Andy Hagen. Each of them brought unique gifts to share with the candidates, and I'm grateful for the sacrifice of their time to serve on the team. Their messages were open, transparent, and left a lasting impression on the lives of both the candidates and the team.

Most importantly, God showed up in a big way on the weekend. The candidates all had a powerful experience with our Lord and Savior, just as He intended. Hearts were opened and softened, barriers came down, relationships were healed and strengthened which enabled these men to fully appreciate all that God had to offer and to receive the blessings that He prepared for them. These men were touched in so many ways through the love, grace and humble acts of service that were poured out throughout the weekend. Each of them left with a new or renewed commitment to Christ as well as a connection to this Via de Cristo community.

It was a joy to see all that God did this weekend. I look forward to serving Him in the future and to serving again with those on the team as well as the new cursillistas.

Your Brother in Christ,

Dave Diehl

Rector, Men's #98

* A recap of the National Lutheran Secretariat Annual Meeting:

* It was another great and God-filled National Gathering held in July. Pastor Ron Poisel welcomed us to the 42nd National Gathering with the story of his first weekend experience: how the lost sheep are always found by God. Pastors Heather and Wade Apel led evening vespers (Pastor Heather is the daughter of Maureen Cavallaro and a GCVDC cursillista). She reflected on Romans 12:9-21, stating how these verses were taped to her mirror in college, and how to walk as a Christian in today's world.

* We also witnessed our own pastors Dave Rankin and Ken Baker do the "rag man". By watching the intense praying and tears being shed, we will be hearing more of the rag man nationally. We are also blessed by our own Pre-VDC Rep Rhonda Krill; not only is she in the process of updating our GCVDC website and giving it a cleaner, modern look, she also assisted the National Lutheran Secretariat in updating their website. It is such a blessing to see how we at GCVDC are helping other Secretariats and National in these important positions.

* In addition to business meetings, election of officers, workshops and worship services, we also had Rollos and table discussions. It was wonderful to get to know everyone else from our own Secretariat in a more personal way, share meals together, and have a relaxed time together. It was an action-packed and God-filled weekend.

* Start praying for the 2020 National Gathering, being held in St. Paul, Minnesota, where we'll meet old and new friends and share the love of Christ.

* Bob Brauer,
* NLS Representative

* Hello, Via de Cristo community! Greg Giambrone here, your Kitchen Coordinator. In the past I have had pretty good success in getting head cooks and assistant cooks for the weekends until just recently. I am sorry to say that we still do not have a second assistant cook for the men's team at St. Paul's. I continue to pick and choose from a list of cooks that have served often and who have been around for a long time. Several potential new cooks have come up to me and offered to be on a cook team only to turn down the request to serve, for various reasons. And I get that, I do.

* I would love to hear from prospective cooks who would like to join the list of the "faithfuls" I have on file for future cook positions. Please reach out to me and let me know if you are interested in serving in the kitchen. It's always a lot of fun and sometimes hard work. But if it wasn't hard, everyone would do it.

* Also, my term as Kitchen Coordinator will expire this year and I am looking for a replacement. All you need is a love for the kitchen, a large vehicle to transport items, and it would be beneficial if you have previously served in the kitchen on a team. I will be able to offer personal help and printed material for the new coordinator. Thank you, and God Bless you all.

* Greg Giambrone,
* Kitchen Coordinator

GOLD COAST MEN'S VIA de CRISTO #99

“Seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

Matthew 6:33

September 26-29, 2019 St. Paul Lutheran Church, Boca Raton, FL

RECTOR: George Stemper

HEAD CHA: David Hernandez

ASST. RECTOR: Jamey Beers

ASST. HEAD CHA: Stephan Caro

FRIDAY:

10:25am IDEAL

Ed Dolan

11:35 am HABITUAL GRACE

Pastor

1:35pm LAITY

Matt Henshaw

3:05 pm ACTUAL GRACE

Pastor

5:10pm PIETY

Danny Claydon

SATURDAY:

9:35am STUDY

Donald Hamm

11:00 am SACRAMENTS OF GRACE

Pastor

2:00 pm APOSTOLIC ACTION

Alan Behler

3:50 pm OBSTACLES TO GRACE

Pastor

5:40 pm LEADERS

Monty Rains

SUNDAY:

9:05 am ENVIRONMENT

John Elliott

10:05 am LIFE IN GRACE

Pastor

10:55 am CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Chip Koenig

12:45 pm TOTAL SECURITY/4TH DAY

DAY

George Stemper

4:30 pm CLOSING



WANTED PLEASE

**Homemade baked goods (sugar- free items, cookies, brownies, cupcakes, etc.)
Fruit, soda, water (small bottles), candy, individual bags of snacks.**

SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS:

Pastor Dave Rankin, Pastor Ken Whiteman, Pastor Chris Fogal, Pastor Bob Olsinsky

ASSISTING PROFESSORS:

Neil Haynie, Mitch Stein, Dennis Rhodes, John Booth

ROLLO ROOM CHA:

Larry Schone

MUSIC CHAS:

Ed Lata, Jason Kemos

CHAPEL CHAS:

Carl Schiefer, Ruben Perez

RUNNER CHA:

Terry Pfister

UTILITY CHA:

Bob Coonrad

TECH CHA:

Tim Regoord

MAIL ROOM CHAS:

Parry Bolognese, Dan Caton

SITE COORDINATOR:

John Dierker

HEAD SERVER:

David Stunda

ASSISTANT HEAD SERVER:

Stone Veerapen

HEAD COOK: Beverly Schleger

ASSISTANT COOK:

Tammy Hudik

“David” CHA TEAM

Captain: Larry Lewis

Eric Blakeslee

Jeff DiSario

Jeff Banks

Bill Doherty

Matt Johnston

Brad Fiore

“Solomon” CHA TEAM

Captain: Bill Steffen

Brian Jackson

Jeff Albury

John Enyart

Bill Bateskas

John Gallaer

Matt Geletka

**Gold Coast Via de Cristo
Men's #99**



— Matthew 6:33 —
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For Map to Weekend: www.goldcoastviadecristo.org

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

701 West Palmetto Park Road., Boca Raton, FL 33486

Church Office (561) 395-8548

From I-95, go east about 1 mile. The Church is on the north side of the road.

Special thanks to Pastor Steve Carretto for the use of St. Paul Lutheran Church

Community Schedule of Events -

SET UP: Wednesday, Sept. 25, **starts at 6:30 pm, please arrive early**

SEND OFF: Thursday, Sept. 26, 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Please bring send-off soda and bottled water.

SERVE MEALS: Friday Saturday Sunday

BREAKFAST 8:45 8:45 8:30

LUNCH 1:00 1:00 12:00

DINNER 7:10 7:15

SERENADE PRACTICE: Saturday, 7:00 pm — Ladies, please dress for a Kings Banquet and please park in the back of the church.

TEAR DOWN: Sunday, 6:30 am, 1:00 pm & 4:00 pm

CLOSING: Sunday, 4:30 pm in the Sanctuary

(will not start until tear down is complete)

MAIL DEADLINE: Sunday, 11:00 am

FOOD PALANCA: NEEDED FOR WEEKEND: Fruit, soda, water, candy, individual bags of chips; homemade baked goods (cookies, brownies, cupcakes, etc.) **If you or your reunion group can supply dessert for a meal, please contact the head cook, Beverly Schleger.**

GOLD COAST WOMEN'S VIA de CRISTO #99

"I will not forget you! See, I have engraved you in the palm of my hands."

Isaiah 49:15-16

October 24-27, 2019 The Crossing Community Church, Fort Pierce, FL

RECTORA: Eva Dombrowsky

HEAD CHA: Crystal Twaddell

ASST. RECTORA: Holly Robillard

ASST. HEAD CHA: Patty Ross

FRIDAY:

10:25am IDEAL

Susie Lewis

11:35 am HABITUAL GRACE

Pastor

1:35pm LAITY

Debi Newpher

3:05 pm ACTUAL GRACE

Pastor

5:10pm PIETY

Jennifer Kent

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Pastor

2:00 pm APOSTOLIC ACTION

Donna Powell

3:50 pm OBSTACLES TO GRACE

Pastor

5:40 pm LEADERS

Timeka Motlow

SUNDAY:

9:05 am ENVIRONMENT

MaryAnn Henry

10:05 am LIFE IN GRACE

Pastor

10:55 am CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Char Geletka

12:45 pm TOTAL SECURITY/4TH DAY

Eva Dombrowsky

4:30 pm CLOSING

SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS:

Pastor Ken Baker, Pastor Jim Weist, Deaconess Martha Putnam,

ASSISTING PROFESSORS:

Addie Bruening, Kathy Gross, Kimberley DeAngelis, Beverly Schleger

ROLLO ROOM CHA:

Sherry Giambrone

MUSIC CHAS:

Cathy Brown, Ashley Riley, Penny Simmons

CHAPEL CHAS:

Donna Wiles, Carol Ann Beers

RUNNER CHA:

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UTILITY CHA:

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Linda Wells

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ASSISTANT HEAD SERVER:

Tina Rains

HEAD COOK: Alana Schofield

ASSISTANT COOK:

Bob Lindmark, Lindsey Brown



"WISDOM" CHA TEAM

Captain: Zoe Moore
Linda Jackson
Monique Disario
Elizabeth Knapp
Jessica Bradford
Gina Hart
Kate Dierker

"COURAGE" CHA TEAM

Captain: Andrea Juliano
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Kathy Haff
Judith McInnes
Jamie Johnson
Christie Secreto
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The Crossing Community Church (South Campus)

5200 Oleander Avenue Fort Pierce, FL 34982
Church Office (772) 465-5588

Take I-95 to Midway Road (exit 126). Go east (about 5 miles), turn right on Oleander Avenue, go about 1/4 mile south.

Special thanks to Pastor Craig Bridgers at The Crossing Community Church and Interim Pastor Dominic Aquila at Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church for the use of their facilities.



WANTED PLEASE

**Homemade baked goods (sugar- free items, cookies, brownies, cupcakes, etc.)
Fruit, soda, water (small bottles), candy, individual bags of snacks.**

Community Schedule of Events -

SET UP: Wednesday, October 23, **starts at 7:00 pm, please arrive early**
SEND OFF: Thursday, October 24, 7:00 pm
Please bring send-off soda and bottled water.

SERVE MEALS:	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
BREAKFAST	8:30	8:45	8:30
LUNCH	1:00	1:00	12:00
DINNER	7:10	7:15	

SERENADE PRACTICE: Saturday, 6:30 pm — In the Sanctuary

Men, dress in your Sunday best

TEAR DOWN: Sunday, 6:30 am, 1:00 pm & 4:00 pm

CLOSING: Sunday, 4:30 pm in the Sanctuary

(will not start until tear down is complete)

MAIL DEADLINE: Sunday, 11:00 am

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